

REMARKS

In response to the office action of August 24, 2006, the applicant has provided the following response below.

Allowable Subject Matter

5 Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4 and intervening claim 2. As claim 4 has been stated by the Examiner in the previous Office action to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim an intervening claims, applicant points out that newly amended claim 1 should be placed in a state of allowance.

10 Claims 2 and 4 have subsequently been cancelled from consideration.

 Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to be dependant on claim 1, as they were previously dependant on claim 2 which has now been canceled. As the limitations of claim 2 were merged into claim 1, claims 3 and 5 have been now amended to depend on claim 1. Applicant points out that because claim 1 is in a state of allowance, claims 3 and
15 5 should also be found allowable as being dependant on an allowable base claim.

 Regarding claims 6-9, applicant points out that these claims are dependant on amended claim 1. Because claim 1 should be placed in a state of allowance, applicant points out that claims 6-9 should also be found allowable as being dependant on an allowable base claim.

20 Regarding claim 10, claim 10 has been amended in include the limitations of claim 13 and intervening claim 11. As claim 13 has been stated by the Examiner in the previous office action to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim an intervening claims, applicant points out that newly

amended claim 10 should also be placed in a state of allowance.

Claims 11 and 13 have subsequently been cancelled from consideration, as their limitations have been amended into claim 10 above.

5 Claims 12, 11 and 15 have been amended to be dependant on claim 10, as they were previously dependant on claims 11 or 13 which are now canceled. As the limitations of claims 11 and 13 were merged into claim 1, claims 12, 11 and 15 have been now amended to depend on claim 10. Applicant points out that because claim 10 should be in a state of allowance, claims 12, 11 and 15 should also be found allowable as being dependant on an allowable base claim.

10 Regarding claims 16-20, applicant points out that these claims are dependant on amended claim 10. Because claim 10 should be placed in a state of allowance, applicant points out that claims 16-20 should also be found allowable as being dependant on an allowable base claim.

15 As all pending claims have been previously found to be in a state of allowance by the Examiner, or are dependent upon a claim previously stated allowable by the Examiner, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present invention and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in a timely manner for this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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